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FOLLOWING TEXT PRESS RELEASE ISSUED DECEMBER 31 BY STR
SENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION. TEXT REGULATIONS BEING POUCHED
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BEGIN TEXT: REGULATIONS ISSUED GOVERNING PROCEDURES FOR
GSP COMPLAINTS, REVIEWS, CHANGES

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REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE

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REVIEW OF DESIGNATIONS OF IMPORTED ARTICLES ELIGIBLE FOR DUTY-FREE TREATMENT UNDER THE U.S. GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1975, AMBASSADOR FREDERICK B. DENT, THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE REGULATIONS COVER REQUESTS FOR THE DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL ARTICLES, AND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL, SUSPENSION OR LIMITATION OF DUTY-FREE TREATMENT EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1976.

IMPLEMENTATION OF GSP, AUTHORIZED BY THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, WAS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 24, 1975 (STR PRESS RELEASE NO. 201), WITH RESPECT TO ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND ON NOVEMBER 24, 1975 (STR PRESS RELEASE NO. 211), WITH RESPECT TO ELIGIBLE ARTICLES AND CHANGES IN THE ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY COUNTRY LIST.

UNDER THE REGULATIONS ISSUED TODAY, ANY INTERESTED PARTY--I.E., ONE WITH A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC INTEREST IN GSP WITH RESPECT TO A PARTICULAR PRODUCT--MAY REQUEST MODIFICATIONS MATERIALLY AFFECTING THAT INTEREST BY WRITING TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE (TPSC), AN INTERAGENCY PANEL CHAIRED BY AN ASSISTANT SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE. IN CONSIDERING SUCH REQUESTS, THE TPSC WILL REVIEW ALL RELEV;NT ECO'OMIC FACTORS, INCLUDING THE EFFECT OF ANY MODIFICATIONS ON DOMESTIC PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE ARTICLES WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY IF THE ADDITION WOULD NOT MAKE THE ARTICLE IMPORT-SENSITIVE IN THE CONTEXT OF DUTY-FREE ENTRY AS A PREFERENCE ITEM. LIKEWISE, THE SAME FACTOR WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY RECOMMENDED WITHDRAWAL, SUSPENSION OR LIMITATION OF GSP WITH RESPECT TO ANY ARTICLE ON THE LIST.

IF ACCEPTED AS BEING IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REGULATIONS, A NOTICE THAT THE REQUEST FOR REVIEW HAS BEEN RECEIVED
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WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER, TOGETHER WITH AN INVITATION TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO SUBMIT VIEWS ON THE REQUEST. THE TPSC MAY HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, OR MAKE USE OF THE ADVICE OF THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION. THE TPSC ALSO MAY, ON ITS OWN MOTION, INITIATE SUCH REVIEWS.

THE TSPC WILL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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TO THE DEPUTY STR AND THE STR, WHO ALSO MAY CONDUCT
INTERAGENCY REVIEWS OF THE TPSC RESULTS AT THE SUB-
CABINET AND CABINET LEVELS, WITH A VIEW TOWARD FORMULATING
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT.

IN ADDITION TO REQUESTED REVIEWS OR TSPC INITIATED RE-
VIEWS OF ELIGIBLE ARTICLES, THE TPSC ALSO WILL CONDUCT
REGULAR REVIEWS OF PRODUCT ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE
COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS OF SECTION 504(C)
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